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## DEPARTMENT OF STEEL & MINES

### NOTIFICATION

The 20th April, 2024

**Sub: Allotment of Gopur Gold block over an area of 0.5 Sq Km in Keonjhar District under rule 67 of MC Rules, 2016 in favour of Geological Survey of India for carrying out exploration.**

No.3362—SM-AE-ME-0009/2023/S&M.— Whereas, the exploration for gold in Gopur-Gajipur area of Keonjhar District was undertaken by the erstwhile Director of Geology, Odisha during FS 1970-71 to 1982-83 and 1989-90 to 1995-96.

Whereas, Geological Survey of India (GSI) has carried out exploration for gold in Gopur area of Keonjhar District during FS 2021-2 and 2022-23 up to G3 level in collaboration with Director of Mines and Geology, Odisha basing on the available Geological data shared by erstwhile Director of Geology, Odisha.

Whereas, the Director of Mines and Geology, Odisha has informed that after exploring the aforesaid block, the GSI has found mineral promising area of 0.50 Sqkm out of 1.5 Sq. km area of Gopur gold block and this mineral promising area needs further exploration to G2 level of UNFC. Hence, he proposed for Notification of Gopur block of Keonjhar District under Rule.67 of Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 for allotment of to GSI for carrying out exploration for gold upto G2 level to make the block auctionable.

Now therefore, after careful consideration, Government have been pleased to approve the proposal of Director of Mines and Geology, Odisha for notifying Gopur block over an area of 0.5 sqkm in Keonjhar District under Rule.67 of Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 to be allotted in favour of Geological Survey of India for a period of two years to carry out exploration for gold up to G2 level.

The block details is given below;

Sl. No.	Name of the block	T.S. No	Level of exploration	Area in sq. Km.	Block Coordinates		
					Pillar ID	Longitude (E)	Latitude (N)
1	Gopur Gold block of Keonjhar District	F45N6 (73G/6)	G2	0.5	A	85°18'34.45"	21°37'23.77"
					B	85°18'45.79"	21°37'42.65"
					C	85°19'7.50"	21°37'32.26"
					D	85°18'55.34"	21°37'12.35"

By order of the Governor

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